

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jörg HARREN *et al.*
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For: **ABSORBENT POLYMER STRUCTURE WITH IMPROVED RETENTION
CAPACITY AND PERMEABILITY**

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RESPONSE TO MAY 1, 2009 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 1, 2009, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Claims 12-28 of Group II for prosecution on the merits in connection with the above-identified application. Please withdraw, and cancel, Claims 1-10 of Group I from consideration at this time without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications thereon.

If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 502190.

Respectfully submitted,

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